

Maungaraki Views

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Do we need to slow down?

HCC proposes a 40km/hr speed limit throughout Maungaraki Normandale, Korokoro, Harbour View, Tirohanga, Belmont and Kelson. This is based on statistics that Western Hills has a higher-than-average number of injury crashes in our city, with 33 minor injuries and two serious injury crashes in five years (2017-2021). These suburbs have a lower-than-average operating speed environment of 26km/h. Less than 3% of roads in Western Hills have an average operating speed higher than 45km/h. HCC says reducing the speed limit will have minimal effect on travel time due to the existing operating speed environment and might only affect the fastest ~3% of drivers while reducing the safety risk for all road users. This work is in line with the



Government's wider 'Road to Zero' campaign, which has a target of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes by 40%. However, in Maungaraki's case, if reducing the speed limit will have minimal effect on travel time, why bother changing it? The statistics presented don't seem to justify that changes are necessary. Even the number of boy racers in our area seems to have dropped sharply in the past few months. So what is the real motivator behind this push for change? Is it a precursor to installing more permanent speed cameras on Dowse Drive and across the city? Time will tell. *Ed.* Consultation is open until 5 June 2023. HCC welcomes feedback from all members of the public. Email roadsafety@huttcity.govt.nz; or via post to Hutt City Council, Private Bag 31-912, Lower Hutt 5040.



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Hutt Art Centre works at Benedicts

The next time you stop into Benedicts for a coffee checkout the Hutt Art Centre's display located on the right wall. Created by Lower Hutt artists there is a wide range of high-quality styles and mediums to suit everyone's taste. All artworks are for sale, so if there is one you like purchase talk to the staff at Benedicts. Thank you to David B.



MCA AGM 2023

The Maungaraki Community Association's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 21 June at 7:30pm in the new library at Maungaraki School.

Come and hear what projects the MCA have been working on over the past year and our plans for the future. Meet and chat with our MCA committee members and raise any issues or ideas you may have to help make Maungaraki an even better place to live for all of us. Light refreshments and tea and coffee is provided.

Library offers SMART service

Maungaraki School & Community library is included in the SMART library service; and will gain access to Hutt City Libraries' vast online collection, including ebooks, emagazines, audiobooks, online learning, and lots more.

Hutt City Libraries will also provide professional librarian services, to help with establishing the new library and community space, as well as developing a comprehensive

collection for all ages. The library is open to the public 3-6pm weekdays and 9am-1pm Saturdays, in the heart of the Maungaraki Community Precinct on Dowse Drive and will be staffed by both the school and Hutt Libraries.

Swagaat reopens as Spice & Flame

After an extended break, Maungaraki's favourite Indian Restaurant, Swagaat has reopened under the new name Spice & Flame. Spice & Flame offers all your favourite traditional Indian curries and introduces classic American Ribs and Burgers.

The expanded menu offers more variety and choice for locals. Spice and Flame is located in the Maungaraki Shopping Centre, in the same building Swagaat was in next to Benedicts Cafe.



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Maungaraki Inline Hockey Reps

Seven Maungaraki Inline Hockey kids selected for the regional representative team this year. These were selected from young players from across the lower North Island (Hawkes Bay and Whanganui down) following competitive trials.

Congratulations to: **10 & Under team (from Maungaraki)** Arleeya McMorrان, VJ Feldberg (G). **12 & Under team:** Hamish Barnes, Sofia Barnes (G), Aimee Hurley, Annah Matthews, Leo Wilkes.

We would say good luck, but luck had nothing to do with it - these kids have worked super hard to get to this level. Well done to everyone. Maungaraki represents!
By Paul M.



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